

REMARKS

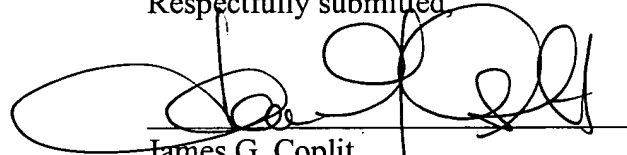
In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 4, 2001, applicant hereby elects to continue prosecution of the claims in Group I, *i.e.* claims 1-13 and 21-25, drawn to packets distribution, and traverses the restriction requirement.

The Examiner has required restriction of claims 1-13 and 21-25 (Group I) and claims 14-20 (Group II). Restriction was required because the Examiner claimed that the embodiment of the inventions of Group I and Group II were unrelated.

While applicant disagrees with the Examiner's position that these inventions are unrelated inasmuch as the printer appliance and the packets distribution are disclosed as being capable of being used together and have related functions and effects, applicant has elected the invention of Group I and has cancelled the claims directed to the invention of Group II.

Applicant is also filing, concurrently with this response, a divisional application directed to the claims of Group II.

Respectfully submitted,



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